

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Land Division
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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Board of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii

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Issuance of Right-of-Entry Permit to United States Coast Guard for Rescue Training Purposes on Unencumbered Lands, Maili, Waianae, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 8-7-006:portion of 002.

APPLICANT:

United States Coast Guard, Air Station Barbers Point

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Sections 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands situated at Maili, Waianae, Oahu, identified by Tax Map Key: (1) 8-7-006:portion of 002, as shown on the attached map labeled **Exhibit A**.

ZONING:

State Land Use District: Conservation
City and County of Honolulu LUO: P-1

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: No

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Requested area is currently vacant and unencumbered.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Rescue Training Purposes.

TERM OF RIGHT-OF-ENTRY:

One (1) year

CONSIDERATION:

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CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources concurred with by the Environmental Council dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 47, that states "lease of State land involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing." See **Exhibit B**.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Government agency, not applicable.

REMARKS:

As part of the training program, United States Coast Guard (USCG) requests the Board's approval to use a portion of the subject parcel, located as Maili Point for their rescue training program.

The training would involve 2-3 ground USCG members hiking up to the ridgeline to secure a "Rescue Randy" to the ridgeline. After it is secured, a helicopter would move in overhead to lower a rescue swimmer to simulate rescuing the "Randy Rescue". The primary training days are Tuesday to Thursday, with two consecutive days once every two to three months currently planned. In view of the unique operating environment for public safety personnel, USCG seeks the approval for one year.

USCG provides maps showing the locations on the same ridgeline, as depicted on **Exhibits C1** and **C2**. It is noted that depending on the wind direction, the actual area for training could change between north and south facing slopes.

Based on the records, the legal description of the subject State parcel "...follows along middle of ridge ...". It means any North facing slope is outside the subject State parcel, and USCG needs to coordinate with the owner over the adjacent parcel.

Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands and Division of Forestry and Wildlife have no objections to the request.

There are no other pertinent issues or concerns.

Staff recommends the Board authorize the Chairperson to issue right-of-entry to extend the term of right-of-entry. This provision will facilitate the continuance of the rescue training program. Nevertheless, the Chairperson can return any request for extension to the Board, if such request requires more discussion or guidance from the Board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. Authorize the issuance of a right-of-entry permit to United States Coast Guard covering the subject area under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
 - A. The standard terms and conditions of the most current right-of-entry permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
 - B. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State; and
 - C. Authorize the Chairperson to issue future right-of-entries to the Applicant in relation to its rescue training purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,


Barry Cheung
District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:


Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson



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EXHIBIT A

EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION

Regarding the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR.

Project Title: Right-of-Entry for Rescue Training Purposes.

Project / Reference No.: Not applicable.

Project Location: Maili, Waianae, Oahu, Tax Map Key: (1) 8-7-006:portion of 002.

Project Description: For rescue training purposes involving simulation of rescuing a training dummy on the ridgeline.

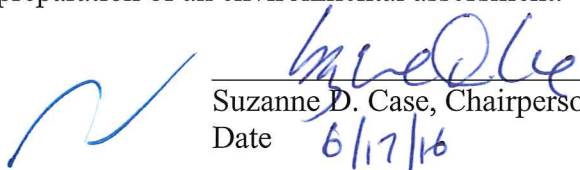
Chap. 343 Trigger(s): Use of State Land

Exemption Class No.: In accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules Section 11-200-8 and the Exemption List for the Department of Land and Natural Resources approved by the Environmental Council dated June 5, 2015, the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No. 1, Item 47, that states "lease of State land involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing."

The helicopter will not land on the subject parcel and the ground personnel will hike up the hill setting up the rescue training. Staff believes the issuance of a right-of-entry permit has no significant effect on the environment.

Consulted Parties: Agencies as noted in the submittal.

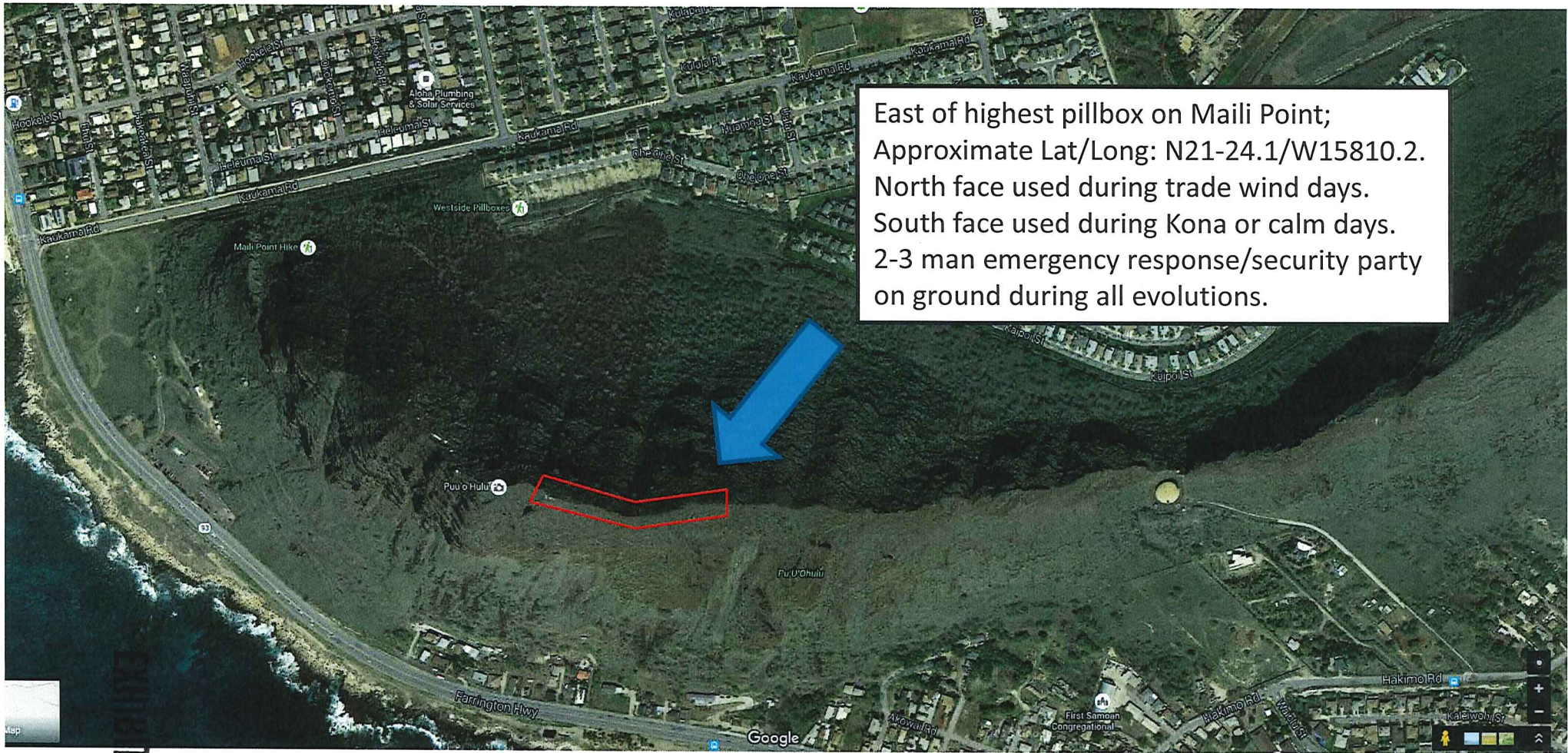
Recommendation: That the Board finds this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.


Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson

Date 6/17/16

EXHIBIT B

Mali Point - Proposed Coast Guard High Angle Rescue Working Area West



“C1”

Mali Point - Proposed Coast Guard High Angle Rescue Working Area East

North-Northeast of Hakimo Road;
Approximate Lat/Long: N21-24.2/W15809.3.
North face used during trade wind days.
South face used during Kona or calm days.
2-3 man emergency response/security party
on ground during all evolutions.

